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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Now unto You, O Heavenly Father, be all praise and glory, for You have filled our lives with wonderful blessings.

Give to our Senators the blessing of an inward calm that will enable them to thrive during days of gloom. Fill their minds with noble thoughts, energizing them to persevere in fulfilling Your purposes. May Your peace, passing understanding, dwell in their hearts and minds. With deliberate intentionality, help them to seek Your answers to our national problems.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 27, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks the Senate will resume consideration of the immigration bill. The time until 11:30 will be equally divided between the two managers of the bill, Senators LEAHY and GRASSLEY. At 11:30 there will be three rollcall votes—one on confirmation of the Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Foxx; the next vote will be on adoption of the committee-reported substitute amendment; and then we will have cloture on the final bill, as amended, if amended. We hope to complete action on this immigration bill—I will talk about that in a minute.

Everyone knows we are poised to pass a historic immigration bill. It is landmark legislation that will secure our borders and help 11 million people get right with the law.

I have indicated that we have three votes this morning. We hope to be able to work something out so we can have a vote sometime late afternoon or evening. There is no reason, after these votes today, to delay this. If people want to delay it, they can, but it will point toward the inevitable, which will be about 6 o'clock tomorrow evening. We can either wrap this up today, have some final speeches, vote on it, or wait until tomorrow because during this 30 hours postcloture nothing can happen procedurally.

I once again applaud the Gang of 8 for their work, which is commendable and very important for this institution. Without their diligent efforts, we would never have been able to come this far.

I commend Chairman LEAHY for the work he did in the committee with the markup, which took place over many weeks. I commend him for his work on this bill as manager during the weeks it has been on the floor, and my friend CHARLES GRASSLEY. Senator GRASSLEY and I disagree on occasion about substantive issues but never on a personal issue. He is a very remarkably good Senator and a fine man. I have enjoyed my relationship with him all these many years.

Whenever the vote is scheduled, whether it is tomorrow or today, I am going to ask that Senators be seated for the vote. I have had a number of requests from Democrats and Republicans that we do this. They are absolutely right. This vote is important. No matter how you feel about the legislation, it is important enough that we should do that. When it comes time for the vote, whenever it is worked out, we are going to have Senators here on the floor. If not, I am going to have a live quorum to get everybody here. This is not a vote where people should be straggling in and raising their hands at the Chair. We should have this in an orderly fashion.

I repeat, whenever we are able to schedule this vote, we are going to have people here before the vote starts or we will have a live quorum and get some activity in the Senate so we can do that.

My friend the Republican leader is not here. I would ask the Chair to announce the business of the day.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the

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